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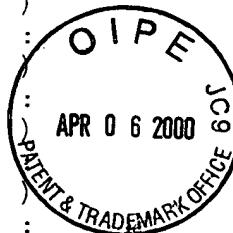
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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
TETSUYA YANO ET AL.) : Examiner: Unassigned
Application No.: 09/430,029) : Group Art Unit: Unassigned
Filed: October 29, 1999)
For: DNA FRAGMENT CARRYING)
TOLUENE MONOOXYGENASE)
GENE, RECOMBINANT)
PLASMID, TRANSFORMED)
MICROORGANISM, METHOD)
FOR DEGRADING)
CHLORINATED ALIPHATIC)
HYDROCARBON COMPOUNDS)
AND AROMATIC COMPOUNDS,)
AND METHOD FOR)
ENVIRONMENTAL)
REMEDIATION : April 5, 2000



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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The concise explanation of relevance for the non-English documents is found in the specification where they are cited and/or in abstracts attached thereto.

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The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Application:

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>GROUP ART UNIT</u>
09/453,956	December 3, 1999	1643

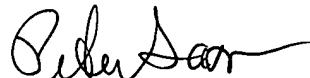
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(iii), no copy of any cited U.S. Application is enclosed.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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